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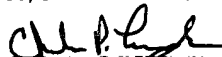
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 10/701,038 entitled "P153 and P156 Antigens for the Innumodiagnosis of Canine and Human Ehrlichioses and Uses Thereof" – McBride et al.*
Our reference: CLFR:235US
Client reference: D6481US

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and references C1-C9.

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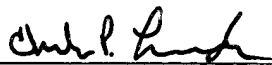
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97(g), (h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

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U.S. Patent Documents

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